## CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION ORDINANCE 1 – 2000

TOWN OF SAMPSON
CHIPPEWA COUNTY
Ordinance #1-2000

An Ordinance relating to the Confidentiality of Information about income and expenses requested by the Assessor in property assessment matters in the Town of Sampson.

WHEREAS, as part of the Budget Adjustment Act, 1997 Wisconsin Act 237, a number of significant changes regarding property tax assessment appeals and Board of Review procedures were enacted; and

WHEREAS, Section 70.47(7)(af), Wis. Stats.; requires that the municipality provide by ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the Assessor under Section 70.47(af) Wis. Stats.; and shall provide exceptions for persons using the information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their office or by order of the court,

NOW THEREFORE, the Sampson Town Board, Town of Sampson, Chippewa County, Wisconsin, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1:** Whenever the Assessor, in the performance of the Assessor's duties requests of the Assessor's duties requests or obtains income and expense information pursuant to Section 70.47 (7)(af) Wis. Stats.; or any successor statute thereto, then, such income and expense information that is provided to the Assessor shall be held by the Assessor on a confidential basis, except, however, that the information may be revealed to and used by the persons: in the discharging of duties imposed by law: in the discharge of duties imposed by the office (including, but not limited to, use by the Assessor on a confidential basis, except, however, that the information may be revealed to and used by persons: in the discharging of duties imposed by the Assessor in performance of official duties of the Assessor's Office and use by the Board of Review in performance of it's official duties); or pursuant to order of a court. Income and expense information provided to the Assessor under section 70.47(7)(af) unless a court

determines that it is inaccurate, is, per Section 70.47(7)(af) not subject to the right of inspection and coping under Section 19.35(1), Wis. Stats.

## **Section 2: SEVERABILITY**

The several sections of this ordinance are declared to be severable. If any section or portion thereof shall be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unlawful, or enforceable, such as decision shall apply to only the specific or portion thereof directly specified in the decision, and shall not affect the validity of any other provisions, sections or portions thereof of the ordinance. The remainder of the ordinance shall remain in full force and efficency. Any other ordinances whose terms are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to those terms that conflict.

## **Section 3: EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and posting publications as provided by law.

Dated this 1 day of May 2000. By Order of the Town Board Town of Sampson, Chippewa County Michael North, Chairman